



Association of Connecticut Ambulance Providers

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Testimony of
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Public Safety Committee

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Senator Hartley, Representative Dargan and distinguished members of the Public Safety Committee.

My name is David Lowell. I am President of the Association of Connecticut Ambulance Providers.

I am speaking today on behalf of our membership in support of Raised Bill No. 5266, ***An Act Supplementing the membership of the E 9-1-1 Commission.***

In addition to supporting this legislation, I respectfully request that there be one seat in the membership of the commission designated to the private ambulance providers.

The private ambulance sector includes approximately six companies who collectively provide primary emergency and mutual aid services throughout the state with over 300 ambulances. These companies respond to nearly eighty percent (80%) of emergency ambulance calls in the state and provides primary ambulance response to forty-five percent (45%) of Connecticut's population (Conlin et al. Phase 1, 2000, pp. 15, 22). In addition, Private ambulance companies staff state-of-the-art dispatch centers and provide for Emergency Medical Dispatch Functions in many communities as both a primary function as private safety answering point and as back up answering points.

Coordinated communications between all emergency response agencies is the core of a safe, timely and resource-appropriate response. The Commission currently includes fire and police representation and our request is that it also includes a representative of the private ambulance providers. We view this inclusion as essential in the commissions' efforts to advise the office on planning, design, implementation and coordination of the state-wide E 9-1-1 system.

Thank you for your time, and for the consideration of the amendment to include private ambulance representation on the commission.

Respectfully Submitted,

David D. Lowell
President